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Owner Name/Address Snider and Wynona Skinner / 8109 Croom Station Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772
Year Built circa 1875

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National Register Evaluation:

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MHT CONCURRENCE:

Eligibility recommended ☒ not recommended
Criteria ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None
Comments:

C. Spero
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

B. Kuntz
Reviewer, NR program Date

10/21/99
Date

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST CONTINUATION SHEET
U.S. 301 SOUTH CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION STUDY

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Survey No.: P.G.:82A-30 (PACS A162)

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MHT CONCURRENCE:

Eligibility recommended X not recommended

Criteria A B C D Considerations A B C D E F G None

Comments: _____

Suzanne Pickens

07/21/1997

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Date

Bkenty
Reviewer, NR program

7/21/97
Date

Preparer:

P.A.C. Spero & Company

September 1996

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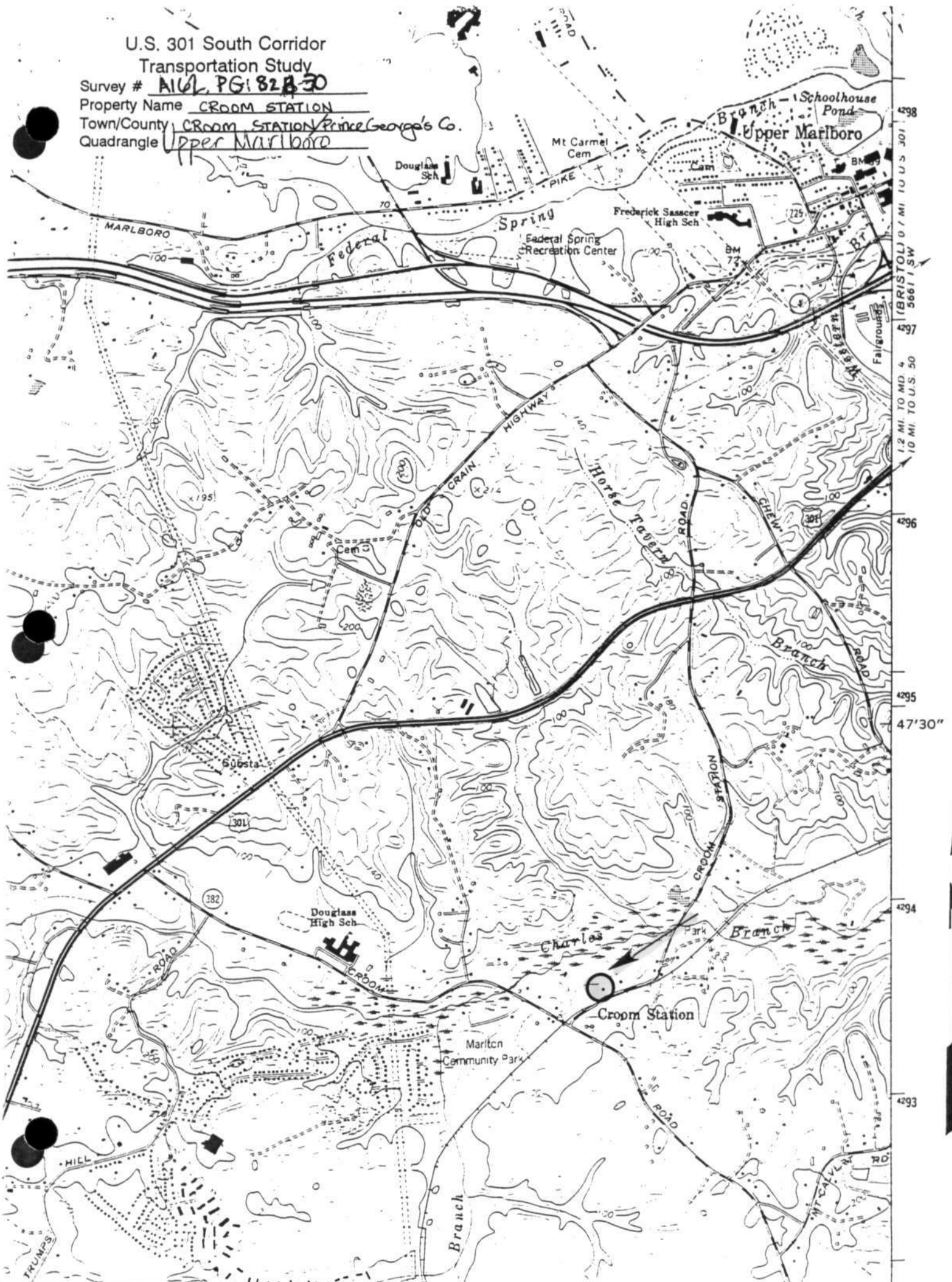
U.S. 301 South Corridor
Transportation Study

Survey # ALU PG 82A-30

Property Name CROOM STATION

Town/County CROOM STATION Prince George's Co.

Quadrangle Upper Marlboro





1. PG: B2A-30

2. CROOM STATION, PRINCE GEORGE'S CO, MD

3. TIM TAMBURRINO, 9/96

4. P.A.C. SPERO & CO

40 W. CHESAPEAKE AVE, SUITE 412

BALTIMORE, MD 21204

5. ^{West} of 8109 Croom Station Road, South and West
elevations of Croom Station, Northeast
View,

6. 1 of 3



1. P.G. 82A-30

2. Croom Station, PRINCE GEORGE'S CO. MD

3. TIM TAMBURRINO, 9/96

4. P.A.G. Spicco + CO, 40 W. Chesapeake Ave,
#412, P.G. CO, MD 21204

5. West of \$109 Croom Station Road,

6. 2 of 3 ~~West~~ elevation of Croom
Station, East View,



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#412, Balto, MD 21204
5. West of 8109 Croom Station Road,
South and West elevations of
6. 3 of 3 Croom Station, North east
view,

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #82A-30 Building Date: late 19th/early 20th c
Building Name: Croom Station
Location: (west of) 8109 Croom Station Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland
Private/Unoccupied/Deteriorated/Inaccessible

Description

The Croom Station is a small frame one-story building which stands in a field approximately 150 feet north of the Popes Creek railroad line. It has long been unused, is in deteriorating condition, and is partially hidden by underbrush. The building consists of a central section with an addition at each gable end. The main central section is four bays by two bays, with gable roof, and entrance in the second bay of the two-bay west gable end; there are two other entrances, one in the third bay of the south facade, and another in the second bay of the north facade. Windows are 6/6 double hung sash with plain board surrounds. The lapped shingle is covered with "red-brick" asphalt shingle, and an interior stove chimney rises from the ridge near the west gable end. The building rests on concrete piers. There is a hip-roofed addition on the west gable end which rests on a poured concrete foundation. There is a small shed-roof addition at the east gable end rests on concrete piers.

Significance

The Croom Station is a simple functional vernacular structure, a reminder of an era when the railroad played an important role in rural Prince George's County life. It was built late in the nineteenth century to serve as a station for the Popes Creek line of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad, which was constructed between Baltimore and Southern Maryland in the early 1870's. The station was constructed on an acre of land sold to the railroad company by William W. Duley in 1873. This acre was located on the south side of the railroad, adjoining Duley's home place. In 1935, forty acres of the Duley family land was sold to Walter Garner, who in the following year had the station building moved from the south side of the tracks onto his property on the north. The small structure was converted into a tenant dwelling. The Croom Station building had already gone out of use as a tenant dwelling before the property was sold in 1962. Since that time it has not been maintained, is badly deteriorated and nearly obscured by undergrowth.

Acreage: 29.42 acres

Magi No.

DOE yes no

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Croom Station

and/or common

2. Location

street & number West of 8109 Croom Station Road not for publicationcity, town Upper Marlboro Croom vicinity of congressional district 5state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture <u> </u> museum
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<u>X</u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial <u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational <u> </u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment <u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government <u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial <u> </u> transportation
	<u>X</u> not applicable	<u>X</u> no	<u> </u> military <u>X</u> other: <u>None</u>

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name W. Skinnerstreet & number 8109 Croom Station Road telephone no.:city, town Upper Marlboro, state and zip code MD. 20772

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 2648street & number Main Street folio 604city, town Upper Marlboro, state MD. 20772

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Inventory of Historic Sitesdate 1974 federal state X county localdepository for survey records History Division, M-NCPPCcity, town Riverdale, state MD. 20737

7. Description

Survey No. P.G. #82A-30

Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☒ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☐ original site
☒ moved date of move

1936

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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There is a hip-roofed addition on the west gable end, somewhat lower than the main section. It is only partially enclosed, leaving open access to the west entrance. This addition rests on a poured concrete foundation. There is a small shed-roof addition at the east gable end, which, like the main section, rests on concrete piers.

8. Significance

Survey No.

P.G. 82A-30

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates late 19th, early 20th C. Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/orApplicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GLevel of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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The Croom Station was constructed on an acre of land sold to the railroad company by William W. Duley in 1873. This acre was located on the south side of the railroad, adjoining Duley's home place (#82B-7), part of a 250-acre farm known as Croome.¹

William W. Duley died in 1897, and division of his real estate was carried out by Decree of the Court of Equity.² It was at this time that a forty-acre parcel north of the railroad was separated from the rest of the Duley property, although it remained in the Duley family. In 1935, this forty-acre parcel was sold to Walter Garner, and in the following year he had the small station building moved from the south side of the tracks onto his property on the opposite side. The small structure was at that time expanded and converted into a tenant dwelling.³

The Croom Station building had already gone out of use as a tenant dwelling before the property was sold in 1962. Since that time it has not been maintained, is badly deteriorated and nearly obscured by undergrowth.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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cf. Notes, Item #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 29.42 acres

Tax Map #110, parcel 30

Quadrangle name Upper Marlboro, Section I

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM referencesA

Zone	Easting					Northing			

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Zone	Easting					Northing			

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Susan G. Pearl/Shirley Baltz		
organization	Historic Preservation Commission	date	August 1985
street & number	c/o County Planning Division M-NCPPC, County Administration Bldg.,		telephone 952-3521
city or town	Upper Marlboro,	state	MD. 20772

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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#8. Continued

Notes

1 Prince George's County Land Records HB #7:144; cf. also Hopkins Atlas of Prince George's County, 1878.

2 Prince George's County Equity #2527.

3 Conversations, July 1985: Shirley Baltz with Wynona Skinner and Sophia Garner.

BRANCH
ESTATES

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2645-604
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GARNER
5253/573
2.70 A.

M.119-P.51

2.03 A
P.61

M. J. BARTON
5155/258
6.52 A
P.44

1.34 A.
P.26

GEORGE
B. GARNER
1882/
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BARTON'S
FIELDS

LOT 2

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LOT 2

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R-P-C

LANTIC, INC.
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ED. 3

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LEHMAN
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M.N. OPP. C.
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MARY E.
GRIFFITH
ADM. 20094
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RICHARD H.
ERVIN
5087/576
10.06 A
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RICHARD D. H.
ERVIN SUB.
LOT 1
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RALPH L. BALL
4061/636
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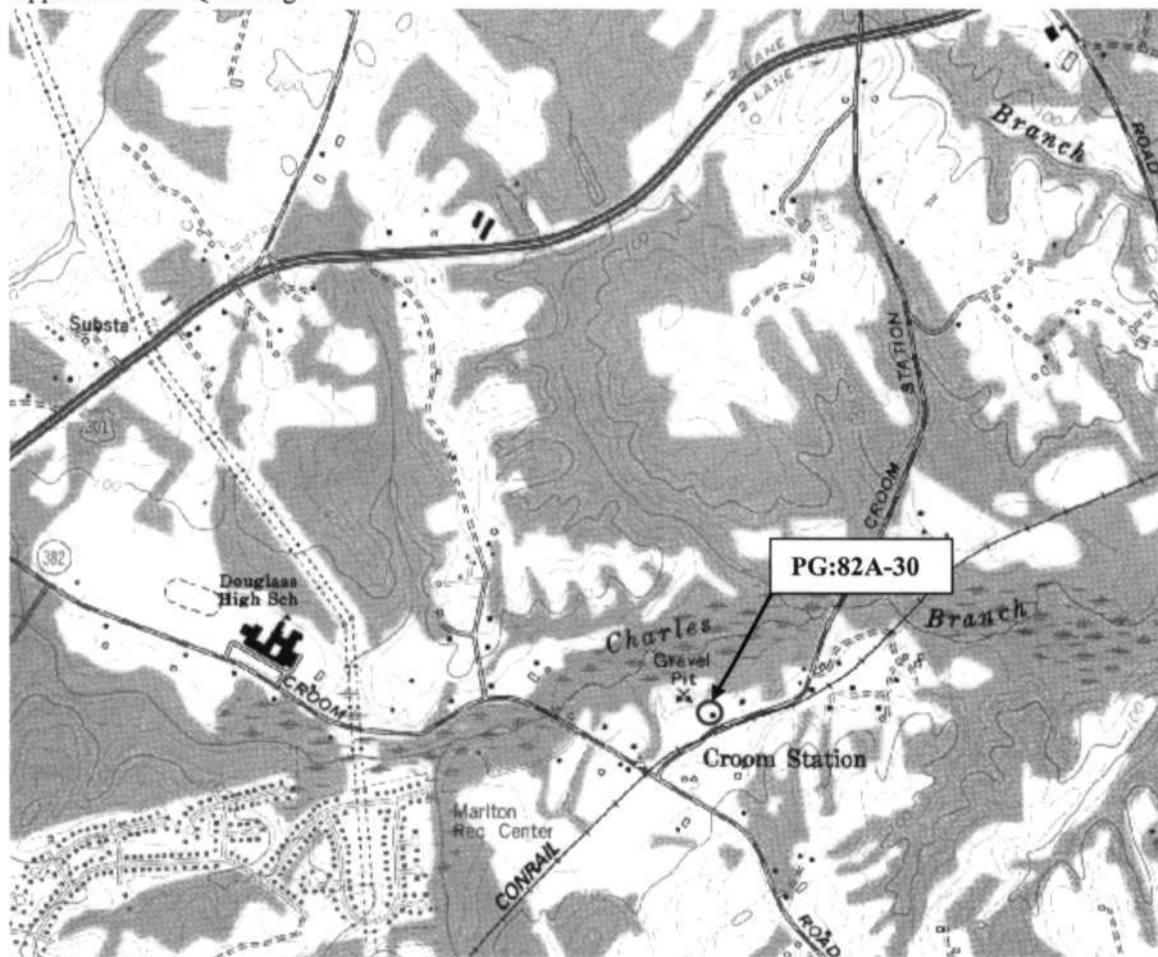
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Croom Station
West of 8109 Croom Station Road
Upper Marlboro Quadrangle



1998 Aerial Photo





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Croom Station
Prince George's County, MD.
Susan G. Pearl
April 1985
South elevation
Neg: Md. Hist.Trust, Annapolis, MD.



P.G. #82A-30

Croom Station
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